A TRVE REPORT

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Which ſet ſaile for Spaine the 25. *of* May, *and returned home the* 10. *of Septemb.* 1599.

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TVeſday the 25. daie of Maie the wind being Northe and Northeeaſt, we in the fleete of Roterdam, being 20. ſaile of ſhips, the ſunne beeing ſouthewеſt and by weſt, came before Fluſhing, and ankered neere vnto Cleiburch; our generall at his comming found the fleetes North-Holland, and Zeland ready.

Wedneſday, the 26. daie wee remained there at anchor.

Thurſday the 27. day of Maie, we toke into our ſhips (by the Generals commandement) two gentlemen and foure ſouldiours.

Friday the 28. of May, 1599. the wind being northerly, we waied our anchors, and ſailed from the Weelings with 73 ſhips, hauing faire weather, ſetting our courſe weſt, ſouthweſt. Wee had 3. Admirals in this fleete, whereof the chiefe Admirall was the ſhip of William Derickſon Cloper, wherein was imbarked the honourable gentleman Peter Van Doeſt being generall of the fleete. This ſhip was

called the Orange, carying in her top a flag of Orange colour, vnder whose squadron were certaine Zelanders, with some south and north Hollanders; Ian Geerbrantson caried the white flag, vnder whom the Zelanders and ships of the Maze were appointed. And Cornelius Gheleinsō of Vlysshing woze in his maine top the blew flag, vnder whom were appointed certaine ships of the Maze with some nozth Hollanders. Thus were wee deuided into sundzy squadzons, but to what ende it was so done, it is to me, and many others vnknowne.

Saturday the 29. of Maie, hauing sight of Callis, ỹ ships lay to the læward, & staied foz the rereward. The Lozd generall shot off a peece, and afterward hung out the princes flag, in signe that the captains shold come abozd him, presently al the captains entred into their boates, & rowed abozd ỹ General, at which time were two pinnaces sent out of the fleet, whereof one was the Generals Pinnace, but vnto what place they sailed, wee were altogether ignorant. And when the boates rowed from the Generall, some of them went abozd the victualers, and toke out of them certaine fire-wozkes. The sunne southwest, the Generall discharged another peece of ozdinance, and put out the Princes flag, whereupon presently the captaines went abozd him, and when our captaine returned, he had in his hande a letter closed vp, which hee brought from the Generall, and wee imagined that euery captaine had receiued the like, and then wee sailed altogether toward the higth of Blackneſſe, where wee anchozed, (which caused vs greatly to wonder, seeing we had so faire a wind,) but we perceiued afterwards, that this was done, to the ende we should there abide the comming of the great new ship of Amsterdam; foz the soldiours which were appointed foz her, were all with vs in a ship of our company.

Sunday

Sunday, the 30. of Maie, where lying at anchor al that night, the next morning we set saile altogether hauing the winde at north east, wee set our course west north west, the weather being faire. The same morning our captain read vnto vs those very articles which before had bin read vnto vs in the prince Mauritz his Court, and afterwards we altogether, and with one accord were sworne to the kæping of them: At none wee were nære vnto Beuersier, hauing a fine gale out of the east north east, the euening was calme, the formost shippes slacked their sailes, attending the comming in of the hindermost.

Wednesday, the ninth of June, by the breake of daie we were hard vnder the coast of Spaine nære to Viuero, the winde being westerly, we sailed north west and by north, and north northwest, the sunne southwest and by west; we were ouer against the cape Ortegael, we sailed north west and by north, to fetch the wind: we were in 44. degrees 20. minuts, at twilight, we had the foresaid Cape of vs about 5. miles south west and by west.

Thursday the 10. of Iune, the winde being at east south east, wee directed our course towardes the shore, and might certainly discerne that it was the coast of Ortegall, we bore in west southwest directly with the land, and ordered all thinges as if we presently should haue had battell, and about noone wæ had sight of the Groyne, namely the tower which standeth nære the Groine. Ortegall.

Friday, the 11. of Iune, at the breake of day the winde being at north east and by east, sixe of our ships sailed forwarde south southwest, meaning to enter the Groine, and there to learne how al things stood. The sunne being southeast, Cape Prior was east from vs, wee bare south, presently after we spied two boates comming out of Veroll to learn what

ships we were, the rather because that the day before they had seene our fleete at sea: we sailed by the wind, and lay in the wind to stay for their comming. The one doubting vs woulde not come neere vs, the other boat also durst not approch neere vs: wee called to one of the Spaniardes, saying wee came from Hamborch laden with cordage & other goods, desiring and praying him to let vs haue a Pilot to bring vs into the Groine, wherewith the boate came aboord vs, so that by our great haste and policie we got one Spaniard, the other which remained in the boate would not come into our ship, but presently thrust off their boate, making all possible speede to get from vs. Hauing nowe gotten this Spaniarde, hee was presently deliuered into the handes of the Generall, who confessed that there were about 4000. souldiours come into the towne, with certaine horsemen, 36. waggons with money, and 300. pipes of wine, to furnish the Spanish fleet, that he lay the night past in the Groine, and was the kings seruant. The sun south south west, we came with our whole fleete before the Groyne, where wee found the great newe ship of Amsterdam vnder the Towne.

The whole fleet commeth before the *Groine.*

At 12. 13. and 10. fadome we cast anchor, so that wee might behold much people both on the shoare & vpon the wals of the town. From the castle & town both, they shot mightily with their great ordinance into our fleet, so that there were aboue 200. cannon shot discharged, wherewith some of our ships were hit, but not one man lost, and little hurt done otherwise. There lay an other castle east ward from the towne, which shot also most terribly, but altogether vncertainly, for we know not that they touched any one ship more then Moy Lambert, which was greatly to bee wondered at, seeing our fleete lay so thicke together,

together, and so nære vnder the castle. There laie hard vnder the castle 12. great Gallions, with some french ships, which also nowe and then shot among our fleete, but they lay so nære the walles that wee could do them no harme at all. The Lord Generall worthy of al praise, wisely bethinking himselfe, caused all his captaines and counsell to come aboorde him, that they might together conferre vpon this businesse, and what meanes might best bee found, to inuade the towne and the enemy, but they concluded, not to meddle with the land there: seeing the enemy was there, strong vpon his guard, and that 5. weekes past both from Amsterdam, & by a French man, they had knowledge of our cõming, by reason of the calme, wee were constrained to towe out our ships with the boates in dispite of al their shot, thus we parted from the Groyne without profit, or effecting of any thing, leauing the Papists of Groyne as wee founde them. Fromthence (the winde being at south southwest) wee bent our course towarde Cape Saint Vincent, meaning to goe to Saint Lucars, hoping to fal vpon them at vnawares, and ere they looked for vs.

Saturday the 12. of Iune, hauing got a fine gale we ran along the coast of Galicia, at nõne wee were before the Iland of Cesarian, and set our course towards Cape Finister.

Sunday the 13. of Iune, the lorde Generall gaue sharpe commandement by his letters, forbidding al men aboorde the ships to vse any play, with tables, cards, or dice, either for money, or for pastime, or vpon credit.

Munday the 14. of Iune, the wind blew so harde out of the North, that wee could not beare our topsailes with our forecourse which sailed south, the sunne was southward, we had Port a Porte of vs,

being

ing in 41 degræs and 20. minuts.

Tuesday the 15. of June, as soone as day appeared, we had sight of Cape Roxent, and then we sailed making small way, staying for the comming together of the fleete: the wind as before, we sailed south southwest, and were in 36. degræs.

Wednesday the 16. of June, towardes the euening we had sight of two strange ships eastward of our fleete, certain of our ships made towards them and toke them, the one was an english man of war; the other was a Spanish barke with three millens: at his comming before the Generall, he said, he had already sent 2. prises into Englande, and woulde now with this prise returne home: for his victuals were almost spent.

Thursday the 17. of June, it was very still and calme weather.

Friday the 18. of June, the wind being at north northeast, we sailed south southwest. The Lord Generall caused all the Captaines with the Pilots to come aboord him: demanding of them which of them was best acquainted in the Iles of Canaria: and further, by what meanes they might conquer and force the said Ilands, and land their people. And about none the captaines were chosen and appointed which shoulde commande on lande. The Generall gaue out newe ensignes, to the number of 9. or 10. according to the number of the ships. The lord Generall appointed to each newe captaine, an Ancient bearer, a Lieutenant, and other officers, with 130. souldiours and mariners, and instructions howe euery one of them should gouerne himself on the land.

Saturday the 19. of June, the Generall commanded that the captaines should deliuer out victuals but twice a day, to wit, 6. and 6. to a messe: for 6. men, 5. cans of beere of Roterdams measure euery

day,

day, 5. pounde of breade and no more, a cheese of 6. l. euery weeke, one pound of butter weekely, likewise pease, beanes, or Otemeale twise a day, according to the order. Captaine Harman, and captaine Pijc, had each of them commission to commande on the land as captaines ouer two companies of saylers, each company containing 130. men. Harman Thunesson was appointed Ancient to captaine Henricke Pijc, and de Blomme Ancient to captaine Hendricke Hertmã. The aucients were deliuered the same day.

The 20. 21. 22. daies, wee sailed south southwest, the wind being northerly.

Wednesday the 23. of June, the wind was northy northeast. The Generall commaunded all the captaines both for the sea and land to come aboord him, where it was ordained and determined how the battell should be ordered, after they were landed. According to the altitude, we found our selues to be 36 miles from great Canaria.

Thursday the 24. of June, we ranne our foresaid course. The sun being west northwest, we sawe the land east and by south off vs: wee sailed east and by south, and with great labour and diligence bore all that might with the land.

Friday the 25. of June, we continued our course to the land for our assured knowledge thereof, and perceiued it to be Lanceroc; we saw also a small land (which lay between both) called Allegrania, and also ỹ Iland Fortuentora, which is 24. miles great, afterward we sailed southwest along the coast of Fortenientura, which is a lande that hath very high hils. The sun southwest, we were past the Iland Forteuẽtura, and were sailed out of sight thereof, running as yet southwest: about 11. a cloche in the afternoone wee had sight of the Iland of great Canaria, for a while wee kept our way: but when the Generall

The whole Netherlandish fleet commeth before the Island & town of Grand Canaria.

was assured that it was the grand Canaria, wee all tooke in our sailes, and lay to the lee ward, and so remained vntill it was past midnight, then wee set saile againe and made to the lande, our course westwarde.

Saturday the 26. of June, in the morning the whole fleet sailed west directly to the land, the winde nozth and by east, and made all thinges ready to land; being now neere the shoze, the whole fleete let fall their anchozs harde by the great castle, which lieth nozth nozthwest from the town, from whence they began to shoot mightily against the ships. The lozd Generall and the vize Admirall with the other ships that had the greatest ozdenance, anchozed close vnder the castle, & foz a certain time they plied each other with their great shot; ꝑ Generals main mast, and his missen mast were shot thozow, and his vize Admirall, namely the great new ship of Amsterdam was shot thozow 6. oz 7. times; so that some of the souldiours and maryners also were slaine before they entered their long boates to rowe to the shoze: But the ships foz their parts, had so well bestowed their shot on the castle, that they of the castle began to faint, wherby they discharged not so thicke and often as before. Our men rowed to the land in the long boates, euery one full of soldiours, & the ships which could not discharge their ozdenance against the castle, bent them against the shoze, (foz the enemy had three brasse peeces lying vpon the strand) and many people were there gathered together where our souldiours shoulde land. Rowe as soone as the Generall with the most parte of the long boates were come together, they all at one instant rowed toward the shoze, maintaining foz a while the fight on both sides with their shot. But the General perceiuing that the enemie woulde not abandon the

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place, with a valiant courage made to the shore, and altogether leaping into the water vp to the middle, maintained the fight with the enemy. Notwithstanding the enemy no lesse couragious, would not yet leaue the strond, so that some of our souldiours & mariners lost their liues before the enemy would retire: for the place was discommodious, and hard to lande; but most of the enemy were slaine, to the number of 30. or 36. and the Gouernor his right leg was shot off, sitting on his horse. The lord General Peter von der Doest leaping first on land, was thrust in his leg with a pike, and had in his body 4. wounds more, and was in great danger to haue lost his life, but that one of the soldiours slewe the Spaniarde which meant to haue don it; but his wounds were of small moment, and his ancient bearer was slain with a shot, the Lieutenant Generall was shot in his throte, captaine Kruyc in the heade, 4. soldiours were slain, & 15. hurt in the generals pinnace before they could come to land: But when our people now with one courage all together rushed vpon the enemie, (leauing their ordenance behinde them,) they forsoke the strond, and ran together into the town, carying with them their Gouernour, whose leg was shot off, & he was a knight of the order of the crosse, and leauing behind them 36. deade carcases on the strond, were presently by our people ransacked, and our dead people buried. Our men now hauing won the strond, put themselues presently in battell ray; the empty boates returned to the ships, but after our people had taken the strond, the castle did neuer shoot shot. After the boates were returned aboard, presently they rowed againe to the shore full of soldiours; our people being all landed, they which for the first time had cõmandement, set vs in 7. troupes, or battalions, being xviii. companies strong, of soldiours Twenty foure companies strong of the Netherlãders.

diours and Mariners, with twentie foure Auncientes. At which time we marched a little forward twenty one a breſt, and ſtanding altogether in battell; ſuddainly three mariners came running to the Generall, (which had bin at the caſtle) telling him that the Spaniards deſired to deliuer him the caſtle, ſo their liues & goods might be ſaued: the generall with ſome of the captaines and ſouldiours went firſt thither, and preſently the caſtle was deliuered into his poſſeſſion, hoping on his pitty and mercy, and leauing behind them all the great ordenance, namely 9. peeces of braſſe, & 6. Iron peeces, & alſo al their weapõs. In the caſtle were about 80. Spaniards, ſome cannoniers, ſome ſoldiors, and ſome people of the countrey, for the defence thereof; beſide powder, ſhot and match accordingly, for the artillery, and alſo thirty ſmall peeces or caliuers. Alſo wee founde 58. priſoners, the reſt were ſlaine with ſhot in the fury, and ſome were runaway. The priſoners (which our people had taken in the road with two Barkes, and a ſhip ſunke with our ordenance, as they lay all 3. hard before the caſtle) were ſent altogether aboorde the ſhips: except 3. of the principals which the lord General reſerued by him, to the end he might the better knowe the ſtate of all things. Preſently 80. ſoldiours were ſent into the caſtle, who tooke down the kings flag, and ſet vp the princes colours. At the ſame inſtant two Negros were brought to ỹ General, which were fetched out of the mountains, they ſaid that they had lien there a ſleepe, and knew nothing of any matter. But now when it began to waxe dark, we marched altogether a great way towards the towne, 4. companies of ſoldiors approched hard vnder the towne, and other 4. cõpanies had the rereward: thoſe of the Maze, with the Amſterdammers remained a pretty way from the

The firſt caſtle taken.

towne, vnder the hils; and the Zelanders, with the north Hollanders lay nere the waters side, so wee remained al that night in order of battell.

Sunday the 27. of June, after we had now stood al night in battel order, early in the morning we marched w al our 7. troupes hard vnder the town of Canarie, where we remained a while in that order: but because they of the castle (which lieth to the towne) shot so mightily among vs; 2. of the troupes retired vnder a hill, where we were a little freede from the castle: for while our people stood imbattailed before the town, the castle did vs great hurt, for sometimes they shot fiue or sixe men with one shot, ere we could entrench our selues before the castle: but after they perceiued that our people had made a small trench against the shot of the castle, they placed on the hill fiue or sixe small peeces of brasse called falconets (which shoote about a pounde of poudet) and sometimes they shot boules of wood, wherewith in the beginning they slew manie of our people: so aduantagiouslie had they placed their ordenaunce to shoot among vs. Ten or twelue of our Souldiours ranne vp the hill, whereof the enemy tooke one, and presently cut him in foure peeces. Our people seeing that they so tyrannouslie deaite with them, about the euening tooke a Spaniarde prisoner, and vsed him after the same maner. The lorde Generall perceiuing that many men were slaine with the ordenance, caused fiue peeces of brasse to bee brought from the castle which we had taken the daie before, and toward the euening we beganne to make a battery, and the same euening brought into it three peeces, whereof two were placed presentlie to play vppon the Castle, and the hill: but that euening were but fiue or sixe shotte made. While that our men made the batterie, and planted or

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placed the ordenaunce, the enemy placed his ordenance in counter-battery: and before our battery could be finished, and the ordenance placed, many of out men were shot, among whō Peter vanden Eynde commissioner, had his leg shot off, whereof he died within three daies after. After that it was dark, al they which lay there before the towne were againe set in order of battel, 15. on a ranke, and so remained all that night.

The 28. of June, early in the morning euery man retired to his quarter, and then were two peces more brought to the battery, which also were presently placed on the Rampire, and so wee began to shoot against the castle with 4. pæces, and with the fifth we plaied vpon the small ordenance which lay vpon the hils. The enemy in the castle laid manie sackes of woll, and placed many tonnes or barrels filled with stones vpon the castle walles, supposing thereby to make some little defence from our ordenance; but when an Iron bullet chanced to hit the barrels so filled with stones, it did them mightie hurt, for the stones would scatter marualloustie abroad, whereby many of them that were in the castle were slaine. Our men hauing now with their shot almost abated the force of the castle, 4. companies marched vp the hils, intending to beate the enemy from thence, which lay there with the ordenance. But the enemy perceiuing himselfe to bee assaulted on all partes, for most of the ordenance of the castle were dismounted and made vnprofitable, the gate of the towne set one fire by the Generals commandement, about none they forsoke both the castle, hill and town, and with all their wiues, children, money and Iewels, and all other things that they coulde carry with them, fled into the mountaines. Which when our men perceiued, they put them-

themselues in order of battell, xv. in a ranke. The lord Generall seeing the Spaniards shamefullie to flie, caused 2. ladders belonging to the enemies, to be brought out of a church which stood without the towne, whereof the one was too shorte, notwithstanding himselfe with one of the ladders climed by the walles, one man at once followed, and by this meanes entered the towne ouer the wals. About none some of our men ran into the castle without any rencoũter: the enemy had vndermined the gate, but as we approched the wall, it toke fire, but not one of our people was therewith hurt. they had also scattered powder in sundrie places, but our men themselues did fire the same: and as soone as our people were entred the castle, the kinges colours were taken downe, and the prince of Orenges set vp, and we found fiue peeces of brasse therein. When wee were all entered into the towne, we put our selues againe into order of battell 15. in a ranke in a low ground within the towne: and the souldiours which entered the towne by the hils side, brought to the Generall a man of Flushing, which they had taken out of prison: assoone as the Generall sawe him, he went presently with him to the prison, accompanied with some of our captaines, where they found 36. prisoners, which presently were discharged. And further they declared, that the Spaniards had taken with them 2. prisoners into the mountaines, which were condemned to be burnt, the one was an english man, the other a dutchman, which had lien in the holy house. Thus with the helpe of God about none, wee won the great Iland of Canaria, and the towne of Allegona, battered with their owne artillery, and scaled with their owne ladders. Towards the euening wee were quartered in the houses, those wherein the Generall was, were by

The second castle & town of Grand Canaria taken.

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writing freed, that no man might take out any goods, in the reſt euery one might go and take what pillage he could find: but the Spaniards had caried all the beſt things with them into the mountaines, and in the euening all our people entered the towne. Euery captaine with his company were ſeuerallie lodged, but yet we appointed watch on the hils, as well as in the towne, for the enemy ſhewed himſelfe often vpon the hils, whereby we were forced to keep very good watch.

The 29. of June, this morning ſome of the mariners climed vp the hils, but the enemy (to whom the paſſage were better knowen, then to our people) ſuddainly ſet vpon them, & killed 20. of them. Towards the euening ſome 300. of our Soldiours marched towardes a ſmall caſtle which lay halfe an houres iourney from the towne: but the enemy ſeeing our people to approch, forſoke the place and fled into the mountaines, our men being aſcended, they founde in the caſtle three braſſe peeces; and after they had appointed a Corporall with certaine ſoldiours to keepe the watch, the reſt returned to the citty. The ſame night the Spaniards take one of our ſoldiours appointed for a forlorne Sentinel, whom they preſently put to the ſword.

The laſt of June, as ſoone as day appeared, wee began to carry the pillage aboorde belonging to the General, and captaines, as wines and other goods. About noone 3. theefe men of the Spaniards came to our people, which kept watch on the hils with a flag of truce in their handes, which were ſtraight brought before the Generall, and within a while after, there were 2. more brought vnto him: but after they had bin a while with him they departed again towards the mountaines: and in the euening came other 7. Spaniardes to our watch with a flag of truce

truce, desired to speake with the Generall: but they were sente backe againe into the Mountaynes.

The first day of July, 1599. in the morning (our people being on the hils) 2. Friers with three other Spaniards came vnto vs, desiring to be brought to the Generall, which our men accomplished: but the General denied to talke with them, wherefore they were presently sent backe againe from whence they came, for we were then labouring to send the goods a shipboord. Also at that instant was a sermon in the great church of great Canaria, made by the preacher of Ysilmond with great deuotion, and giuing thanks vnto God for our great victory, desiring him that it would please him daily to increase the same, to the honour of his name: at which Sermon the Lorde Generall was present with foure hundred persons.

The second of July, 1599. wee were forbidden by sounde of the drum, that no man should go beyond the forlorne sentenell placed on the Mountaines: and to sende backe againe into the villes all such Spaniardes which came with a flag of truce, to speake with the Generall, and to put all such to the sworde as came with weapons. One of our Pinnaces tooke a Fisherman fishing vnder the Ilande Forteauentura, wherin were 7. Spaniardes, which were brought before the General, and presently committed to prison.

The 3. of July in the morning we began to sende aboord our ships all the bels, ordenance & munition which the enemies had left behinde them, at which time 2000. soldiers were appointed to match to the hils, to seeke the enemy, which lay hid there with their wiues, children & goods, as they were fled out of the towne: and assoone as they approched each

other, they began the fight on both sides with great courage, but the enemy was forced to flie, beeing better acquainted with the passages of the mountains then our people were. our men returned with the losse of some 70. persons: among whom captain Iacques Dierickson with his boatson were slaine: the rest came into the towne againe into their appointed quarters.

The 4. of July, in the morning we began to burn the towne, and with pouder blewe vp the castle which lay by the towne, and we burned likewise all the cloisters and churches which were without the towne, lying neere the water side. The town burning, our people were set in battell, and in that order marched out of the towne, vntill they came to Gratiosa, the castle, which we first tooke, lying about halfe an houres iourney from the towne, where the long boates receiued our men, and caried them againe aboorde. Presently after wee were departed out of the towne, the enemy entered, endeuoring by all meanes possible to quench the fire. And while we were shipping our people, the enemy shewed him selfe some times by 6. in a company, but they durst not approch vs. The rereward of our men being shipped, we put fire to the castle which we tooke first, and blewe it vp: This done, captaine Quit imbarked himselfe also with his souldiours, and pillage which he had taken in the rode, for his ship wherein he was before was ready to sinke.

The 5. of July, lying in the roade, in the morning the Generall discharged two peeces of ordenance, and afterward put out 2. flags of the princes colours, thereby giuing to vnderstand, that all land captaines, and sea captaines also with one of their Pilots should resort to him, whereupon presentlie they all rowed aboorde the Generall; the Pilots

which

which were best acquainted with the coast, were demanded by the Generall which were the weakest Ilands, and where they might most commodiously lie land: Towards the euening captaine Quyt his ship was fired, and suffered to driue towarde the strond. At which time a newe captaine was appointed to captaine Iaques Dirriksons ship afore saide, who was slaine in the mountaines, namely captaine Kloyers Lieutenant. And the Generals Clarke of the band was appointed Lieuetenant to captain Kloyer.

The 6. of July, by reason of the contrary winds, and other inconueniences which happened at this present, and also because such ships, which before were sent to sea, and could not returne by reason of the contrary windes; we remained in the road, vnder the castle of Graciosa. About noone 4. Spaniards came out of the towne with a flag of truce to the strond, directly ouer against our ships, whereof 2. were brought aboorde the Generall in one of our long boates, (the other two with their flag of truce were left behinde on the stronde) which remained with the Generall vntil the euening, and then were set on shore, and so the 4. Spaniardes returned to the towne.

The 7. day riding in the roade, in the morning 4. Spaniards with a flag of peace, came to the shore from the towne, directly ouer against our ships: the fleet seeing them, sent a long boate to the shore, and brought the said 4. Spaniards aboord the General, these men brought with them the ransome of certaine Spaniards, which had deliuered vp the castle of Graciosa at the Generals pleasure, which were set to ransome, euery one according to his habilitie & office: and thus all the Spaniardes which were ransomed, together with the 4. spaniardes which brought the ransoms, were set on shore with a long

boate, and departed to the towne.

The 8. day of July, two howers after sun rising, the Generall with all the ships set saile, carying with him all the Spaniardes that were not ransomed, sailing alõg the coast of great Canaria, in which time Ian Corneleſſon Zwartekeys departed this worlde, whose leg was shot off at the taking of the Iland of great Canaria. Hauing nowe sailed from ꝑ hight of the said Iland, which lay southerly from vs, we had sight of captaine Hertmans ship, and of 3. others which rode there at anchor: who, so sone as they perceiued our fleete, waied their anchors, and sailed along the coast with vs, which were the ships that the Generall had sent to sea. Sailing thus together vntill the sun was in the west, the wind began to rise more and more, so that we coulde not keep our direct course, but were forced to put to the south west of the great Iland of Canaria, where we anchored: wee had sight of the Iland Teneriffa, and of an other of the Ilands of Canaria, wherein is the hie mountaine called the Pyck. This hil was from vs 14. miles, but by the great hight thereof it seemed to bee within foure or fiue miles off vs, but in the daie time when the sun shined wee could not see it.

The 9. of July, lying thus at anchor, in the morning most of the long boates went a shore to fetch fresh water, such as they could there find, and caried with them the deade corps of Ian Corneleſſon afore-said, the Constables son of the Admiralty of Roterdã, called Zwertkeys, which was there honorably buried on the high and drie land. This done, we set on fire the woode which lay on the shore piled and heaped in the woods, but in this place we found not any Spaniards.

The tenth of July, the boates being all returned

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to their ships with their people, euery one wayed their anchors and hoised their sailes, the winde at northwest, but being vnder saile together, the wind slacked, & by reason of the great calme the ships lay a drift for want of wind.

The 11. of July, in the morning it blewe a stout gale in our topsailes out of the northeast, but as we approched the Iland of Teneriffa, the winde altered often; fiue or seuen of our shippes and the rest which were next vnto the shore, had sometimes a gale in their topsailes, and sometimes again without wind: so that we lay a drift, and could keepe no reckoning either of the wind or course, and were forced to alter our course more then 12. times a day.

A declaration of the taking of *Gomera* one of the Ilands in *Canaria*, and how we afterwardes left it.

THe 12. day of July sailing thus with great variety of wind, vnder the great Iland Teneriffa, the day appearing, we had the wind more certain, filling our topsailes with a full gale from the northwest. And when it was fare day light, we saw our fleet scattred far one frō another, by meanes of the foresaid mutable windes. Some ships lay driuing by reason of the calme, and other some had a little gale, but the most part of our fleet were west of vs, towards whom with all speed, we with the rest of the ships made. Being al come together, wee endeuored to reach the Iland Gomera,

wherein is a little towne: towardes the euening many of our ships were neere the Iland, but the most part were to ẏ leeward; so that before it grew toward the euening none of vs could come neere the towne. Notwithstanding in the twilight and shutting vp of the euening: Ian Garbrantson Admirall of the white flag, his vize Admirall, and a Pinnace following, were come neere the town. Thus the Admiral sayling so neere to the Iland, they of Gomera discharged 2. pieces at him, but touched him not. the saide Admirall seeing this, passed on a little farther with the other ships which were neere him, & then tooke in their sailes, and cast their anchors. The other ships which were behinde, laboured all they might to come also vnder the Iland to them.

The 13. of July, the Admiral of the white flag lying thus at anchor neere to Gomera, the greatest part of the fleete were yet in the morning betweene the Iland of Teneriffa and Gomera, so that parte of the ships were beyonde the towne, and must sometimes cast about to conducte the others in, which were in the lee of vs. When wee had nowe for the most part passed the hight of the Iland, the Generall gaue a signe to all captaines to come aboorde him, being vnder saile, directing his course to the Iland of Gomera, and the other ships did their indeuour to follow him, and anchored about the necke of the valley, lying north north east off the towne. The ships being all come to anchor, the captaines entered presently into the long boates, and rowed aboorde the Generall to know his minde: And after they had beene a while in the Generals ship, they returned to their ships, and 4. companies of souldiours were chosen out, and landed in the valley. Which done, al the ships waied their anchors, and sailed directly toward the towne, and then came to

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anchor againe. After that all our ships lay thus together in the road neere the valley, before the town: we discharged certaine peeces against the town, but they made no shewe at all of resistaunce; for they had buried foure brasse peeces as soone as they had sight of vs, which lay on the strond neere vnto a small castle; the other fiue companies were also set on land in the long boates, without any resistance: for the Spaniards with their wiues, children, and all their goods which they coulde carry with them were fled into the mountains. The first 4. cõpanies that were landed, as they marched along the hils side towards the towne, perceiuing that the enemy fled with all his goods towards the hils, sent out a certaine number of souldiours to intercept them, and to take from them the goods which they caried away. And to accomplish this enterprise, our souldiours descended the hill into the valley, meaning suddainly to set vpon the Spaniardes; but the enemie perceiuing their intent, hid themselues in caues which were neere vnto them, vntill our souldiours were in the valley. The Spaniardes perceiuing that they were strong enough to encounter with our people, suddainly leapt out of their dens, and beset our souldiours on both sides. Our people seeing themselues thus compassed with their enemies, behaued themselues most valiantly, so that many of the Spaniards lost their liues, and 80 of ours were slaine in this valley: among whom were 2. Lieutenants (the one was Meerbecks sonne, and the other was Lieutenant to captaine Bynon) which had receiued aboue 50. wounds in their bodies, so pitifully were they massacred, thus were these worthie champions intercepted. The rest of those 4. companies, which were not present at this fury of the Spaniardes, towardes the euening, descended the

The towne of Gomera abandoned by the Spaniards.

Eighty Netherlanders and diuers Spaniards slaine.

hils and marched into the towne. Presently after this, watch was appointed in al places of ỹ towne, and some of the soldiours began to dig the ground, to seeke for such goods as the Spaniardes had buried, but at that instant they founde nothing, except only certain pipes of wine.

About the sunne setting was brought in a spanish prisoner, which was deliuered to the Prouest marshal, by the Generals commandement, to the end he might bring them to all such places in the Ilande, wherein the Spaniardes had hidden their goods. But because nothing could then be effected by reason that the euening approched, and it began to bee too dark, the Spaniard was committed to a keeper vntill the next morning for the purpose aforesaide. But the night being far spent, & the keeper taking small regard to his charge, the Spaniard secretlie stole away and ran to the mountaines.

The 14. of July, in the morning the long boates rowed againe to the shore, and caried aboorde such goods as the enemy had left behind them, which for the most part were wines, for they had caried clean away all other things into the mountains, and had left almost nothing in the towne, but only the wines which they had buried in the earth: In the afternoone our people found 3. bels, which they had buried in the fields, where corne had growne.

The 15. of July, in the morning our people running vp to the hils 10. or 12. in a cõpany to hunt & seeke for pillage, were suddainly inuironed by the enemy, and 6. or 8. of them slaine; the rest saued themselues by flight. About noone there was a generall muster taken of all the soldiours; to see howmany wer had lost: and such ships as were appointed to returne home, began to deliuer out the victuals. The same day were two copper peeces founde: whereof the

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one was 16. foot and halfe long, and the other about 14. foot.

The 16. day in the morning the Lord Generall gaue notice to all captaines to resort to him aboord his ship, because some of the captaines had not sent victuals vnto the soldiors that were on land, whereby they suffered hunger, and sundry of the soldiours had complained to the General thereof: At afternoone, the enemy came to the hill which lieth ouer the towne, crying and calling vnto our men to come and fetch againe their muskets, and towards the euening many marriners with their weapons landed, and at that instant also all things were ordered to march very early the next morning vp the hils to fetch againe our muskets, caliuers, and other weapons, which the Spaniards before had in mockery, and gibing wise willed vs to fetch from them. But now when all things were ordered for this seruice: the same night arose a strong gale of winde, encreasing more and more, that in the ende it grewe to a mightie tempest, that notwithstanding our fleet did ride vnder the Iland Gomera in the road before the towne, some were forced to way their anchors and to put to sea, to preuent the mischiefe like to happen to the ships, by reason they lay so neere one another. And when those ships were a little way in the Sea, they cast their anchors, and there remained. By this occasion the generals aforesaid enterprise was kept backe: we iudging it as a warning, that the Generall should spare and preserue his people from the bloud-thirsty spaniards, which had their holes and dens in the hils, and perhaps might haue taken away many of our liues. And heere by the way, by the name of the Iland Canaria, the Spaniards may rightly bee called Canarians or Canes, for Canaria is by interpretation, dogs kinde, for they ran as

swift as dogs, and were as tyrannicall and bloud-thirsty as the rauening Wolfe, or any other wild beast, which they sufficiently manifested, for as soon as they could lay handes on any of our people (like vnto mad curs, agreeing with their name Canarās) they would presently woary them.

The 17. this hurtfull night ended, and the tempest ouer passed, and alaid, the courageous soldiors were all in readines, desirous to execute this peece of seruice, exspecting & desiring nothing more, then to march vp the hils, and to incounter their idolatrous enemies. But vpon good consideration, this enterprise was staied, and some 300. soldiours sent into the same valley, where 3. daies before our people had beene suddainly compassed, intrapped, and slaine by the Spaniards. Our soldiours being come to the valley aforesaid found no resistance, neither could once see a spaniard; but found a smal peece of brasse about a fadome long, and two barrels of gunpowder; and when our souldiours perceiued that there was no good to bee done (forbearing to mount the hils, because they had no commission so to do) with such thinges as they had they returned into the towne. The euening now approching, the Generall commanded to carry aboord the ships, such goods as they had there found, and digged out of the ground, which was accordingly done and accomplished, among which things were three brasse peces, some bels and other goods.

Sunday the 18. of July, we remained at anchor in the road of the Iland Gomera.

Munday the 19. of July, remaining yet in the Iland Gomera, and seeing that the Spaniardes continued in their secret holes, and dens of the mountaines, wee set fire on the towne, and as neere as we could burnt down all places, as Cloisters churches

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ches, hermitages and houses, remaining yet in the towne vntill it was none. After that all this was accomplished; we the vnited soldiours forsoke the towne, and presently the Lord General, with al his company, went aboord the ships. Thus we left the Iland Gomera burning, which was neuer before done by any nation. The Spaniardes seeing that the soldiours were departed out of the Iland, with all spæd possible, in great heapes came running out of their secret caues and holes, to quench the fire, like as they of Allegona in the Iland of great Canaria before had done.

Wednesday the 20. of July, we lay stil in the road before Gomera, in this time 2. of our soldiours were put into captain Cloiers ship, and in lew of them, we receiued out of his ship 2. others, which were hurt, with two Spaniards.

The summary or briefe declaration of the Admirals departing towardes the West-Indies.

After that the Generall had left the Ilands, he giueth order to the fleet, taketh his leaue of all the Captaines and officers in most honorable sort: he aduanceth the voyage to the West Indies with his Nauy: the rest of the ships returne into the low Countries, euery one from whence he came.

After that the Iland of great Canaria was by the vnited soldiours taken, and won by force of Armes, and the Iland Gomera conquered, for sundry reasons they were forsakē, after they had caried to their ships such things as they found, fired the townes, churches, cloisters, and houses, and rased their Castles. The Lord Generall commanded

all Captaines and officers of the fleete to resorte vnto him aboord his ship. The same principals being come accordingly, he welcommed them and shewed them al friendship he could, thanking them for their good and faithfull endeuours which they had shewed in this seruice, which he performed with a singular oration, praying Almighty God that he woulde vouchsafe to be his only loadsman, & merciful defender, in all his enterprises, to the honor of his name, and happy successe of the vnited Netherlandish prouinces. After this, the lorde Generall againe in most friendly sort, and kind speeches, perswaded & desired all the saide captaines and officers, (alleadging many reasons and examples) to perseuer in their good beginning of true and faithfull seruice for God, and for their good Lords and principall magistrates, the honorable gentlemen and states of the vnited Netherland; & to the good liking of their valiant & high borne gentleman, & gouernour Generall prince Mauritz, their principall lorde and commander, &c. with these and such like matters the daie was spent.

Wednesday the 21. of July, the wind was northerly: The lord Generall commanded all the captaines and officers to resort vnto him: and in most curteous maner againe the second time, toke his leaue of them all, ordaining and appointing in his place as Admirall Generall ouer all those shippes which were to returne home, the valiant captaine Ian Gerbrantson, desiring and straightly charging them al there present, to shew all obedience and duty vnto him, as to his owne person, and that they should make his minde knowne to all others which had not beene there present. After these speeches, and leaue taken, the Admirall Ian Gerbrantson put out the princes colours in the maine top: and the

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honorable gentleman Peter von der Doest presentlie caused the princes flag also to be spread: and as sone as the sunne was southwest, all the ships at one instant waied their anchors, & hoised their sailes, taking leaue nowe the thirde time one of an other, in most braue and triumphant sort, and in this maner departed the one from the other. The lord Generall with his fleet, set this course south southwest, with 36. ships, and the Admirall Ian Gerbrantson ran east by the wind, with 35. ships, with intent to returne home.

The Netherlandish fleet diuide themselues into two companies, whereof the one returneth homewardes, and the other proceedeth for the west Indians.

Wednesday the 18 of August, sixteene ships of our fleet which were sent to returne home, being in company together in the latitude of 36. degrees and 10. minutes, the wind southwest sailing northeast, before it was none, we perceiued 2 strange ships vnder saile comming out of the northwest, towards whom we made, and at afternone we ouertoke them, and made them our prises: they were both Spaniardes, the one was a small Barke, and came from Cape de Blanco in 21. degrees, loaden for Wolus in the Condate where they dwelled. In the same ships was a marchant of Cyuill with 47. men, each of their ships hauing two cast peeces and euery man his musket, but they made no shewe of defence, or offending. There was also found laden in the same ships, sixty thousand drie hides or skins, estæmed to bee worth 6000. duckets as they reported, there were also found two bags with mony, in the one was 11. hundred single rials, and in the other 10. hundred & forty single rials, with two Buts of traine oile, and two barrels of gum Arabique.

Two Spanish prizes taken.

Thursday the 19 day, we the aboue said 16. ships were together, beside the two spanish ships, 4. ships of war of north Holland, 4 ships of Warres of Zeland and one ship of war of the Maze: the captain whereof

was Antony Leonardſon, al the reſt were victualers. The wind weſt northweſt, we ſailed northeaſt, and by north in 36. degræs and 45. minutes. The captaines had bæne all aboard the Admirall in councell aduiſing what were beſt to bee done in this matter of the Spaniards priſes.

Saturday, Sunday, the 21. and 22. of Auguſt, our ſaid fleet of 18. ſhips kept yet together, we found our ſelues to bee in 39. degræs, 6. minuts. The ſun ſouth and by weſt, the winde blew vp at weſt northweſt, wee ſailed north northeaſt, and north and by eaſt, Lysborne was eaſt of vs.

Munday the ſixt of September, the winde weſterly, we ran eaſt, at none wee ſounded, the depth was 50. fadome water, we found ſmall white ſhels with nædles therein, in the hight of 49. degrees 20. minuts, the ſun ſouthweſt, wee had light of Vſhant, we ran northeaſt and by north.

Tueſday the 7. of September, the ſun eaſt ſouth eaſt, wee ſaw England, a mighty bluſtering gale of winde from the ſouth ſouthweſt, wee ſailed north northeaſt. The ſunne ſouthweſt, came to lande at Gawſtert. Afterwarde wee turned and ſailed eaſt ſouth eaſt: In the euening it blewe ſo much winde, that wee were forced to ſtrike our maine top maſt, and we ranne the whole night with two courſes by the wind.

Wedneſday the 8. of September, the foule weather continued, the ſunne eaſt and by ſouth, we had ſight of the Ile of Wight north northweſt of vs, and ranne the whole day, eaſt northeaſt with the foreſaile by the wind: as the euening approched we ſaw Beuerſier, in the night and ſecond quarter we paſſed by Douer.

Turſday the 9. of September, as ſoone as the daie began to appeare it was calme weather, and darke

darke, the ſun ſoutheaſt, we lay ſtill before Newport all the ebbe. The wind eaſterly, in the after noone the wind came northweſt, we ſet ſaile againe, running al night by the wind with our foreſaile,

Friday the 10. of September, 1599. by the breake of day wee were before the Maze, the ſun ſouthweſt, we arriued by the helpe of Gods mercy and grace before the Brill.

Since then, there is arriued at Texell another ſhip of war, whereof one Cater of Amſterdam was captain, the wich was ſeuered from the fleet in this voiage by tempeſt, and thought to be loſt. The ſaid captaine met with ſome priſes, and in company of two engliſh ſhippes toke a Caruell of Aduiſo, verie richly laden comming out of India, and hauing more men then the engliſh, ſhared halfe of the goods with them, and ſo came home this preſent month of Octob.

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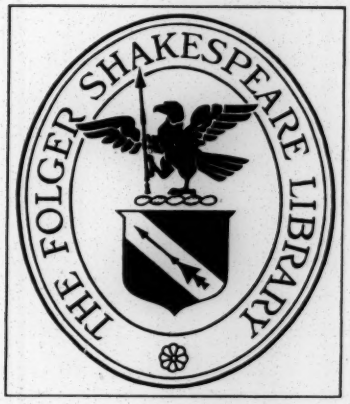
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